

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MASON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2016**

Emergency Management Coordinator Liz Reimink called the LEPC meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the lower level conference room of the Mason County Sheriff Department. Committee members in attendance were: Liz Reimink, Fabian Knizacky, Steve Hull, Todd Myers, Jim Herrema, Jeffrey Weber, Mark Szoboszlay, Mark Russo, Jody Hartley, Tom Osborn, Terry Cluchey, Joe Cooper, and Jim Maczko.

Motion by J. Herrema and seconded by J. Cooper to approve the agenda for the February 16, 2015 meeting and the minutes from the December 15, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

LEPC Notifications/Correspondence Received:

Tier II Reports: L. Reimink noted that Tier II Reports for facilities with hazardous materials are due to the state, the emergency management office, and local fire departments by March 1, 2016. At this point only 50% have been submitted.

Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant Project Update: L. Reimink reported that the FY 2016 HMEP Grant application has been submitted to the state. Ms. Reimink is working on the contract for the student intern/contractor.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: The Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved by FEMA, the Mason County Board of Commissioners, and all townships, cities and villages in Mason County except the Village of Custer. The emergency management office has been in contact with the Village of Custer regarding the completion of the process. The entire plan is available on the Mason County web page under the Emergency Management tab.

Emergency Operations Center/Guidelines: L. Reimink will review the Emergency Operations Center/Guidelines at the May 17, 2016 meeting.

Public Alert & Warning system Capabilities Discussion: The Committee discussed the pro's and con's of the various systems available as detailed on the hand out from L. Reimink. No decision was made at this time.

Upcoming Dates & Events: An ICS 400 Class is scheduled for April 30th and May 1st.

Agency Updates: The various agency representatives updated the committee on their recent activities.

Emergency Management: L. Reimink noted that there will be a search and rescue exercise on September 9th & 10th.

Mason-Oceana 911: The 911 Center recently did a 800 Mhz microwave radio upgrade and will be hiring a new part-time dispatcher.

Sheriff Department: The Sheriff's Office hired a new administrative assistant Denise Ceccon. Denise began working on February 8th.

Oceana Emergency Management: Oceana's Emergency Management sponsored ALICE school safety training on February 12th. Oceana County is looking into developing a school safety team. Current emergency manager Tom Osborn will be retiring effective May 1, 2016.

National Weather Service: Jim Maczko noted that the National Weather Service will again be offering weather spotter training around the state this spring. He also noted that the state is well below normal on snow fall. However, the Weather Service will still be monitoring area rivers for flood levels.

Any Other Business: None.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016.